Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 9, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

Welcome to worship! *We are glad you are here. If you need any assistance, please notify an usher. Please take a moment to register your attendance with us by using the friendship register located in each pew. We welcome the opportunity to learn more about you.*

The congregation of Government Street Presbyterian Church*, as the people of God called to worship and work in downtown Mobile, pursue our mission to use our unique resources and opportunities to love, to honor, and to glorify God and to give hope, comfort, instruction and inspiration to all persons that they may become joyful disciples of Jesus Christ.*

Government Street Presbyterian Church, *founded in 1831, is known as the mother of Presbyterianism in southern Alabama. We are a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and participate in the work of the Presbytery of South Alabama.*

Please silence *all cellular devices for the duration of the service.*

Congregational responses *are in* ***bold*** *text.* ✠ *is an indication to rise in body or in spirit as you are able.*

Despite our best efforts, we continue to sin against God and others. We begin our worship with corporate and individual prayers of confession, trusting that God will grant forgiveness as promised in scripture.

Preparation for Worship

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

PRELUDE *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*
The Handbell Choir TRUST IN JESUS arr. Chris Nemec

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *Aria*
The Handbell Choir Cynthia Dobrinski

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)* **LYNN MCDANIEL**

We gather as the people of God to worship the One who calls us to love, to serve, and to walk in the way of Christ.
We come with open hearts to praise the Lord our God.
We come with gratitude, seeking to serve the risen Christ.
We come to be transformed by the Spirit so that we may live as a witness to God's amazing grace.
The Lord has called us to bear fruit for the Kingdom. Let us reflect the light of Christ in all that we do.
May the fruit of the Spirit grow in us, producing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Let us worship God.

✠**HYMN 619** *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*
LAUDA ANIMA

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Unison)*

God of steadfast love,
You call us to trust in what we cannot yet see, but we cling to what is certain, comfortable, and safe. You invite us to walk by faith, but we often walk by sight—fearing the unknown, doubting your promises. Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we have faltered in trust, for the moments we have lived as if your faithfulness were not enough, and for the times we have chosen convenience over conviction. Hear our silent prayers.

(Silence)

Renew our hearts, O God. Help us to be faithful, relying not in our own strength, but through the power of your Spirit within us. May we bear good fruit for the sake of your kingdom. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

We pass the peace *by greeting one another and saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," to which one replies, "And also with you." The ancient ritual of the church reminds us that Christ offers us peace that passes understanding.*

Children ages three *and older are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon. Children ages 3 through kindergarten may go to Wee Worship following the Children's Sermon. They may be picked up from the Sunday School classroom following worship. Children under 3 are welcome in the nursery. Older children may return to sit with their parents.*

Wee Worship sign-in slips *are available next to the bulletins at the front and back of the church as well as in the children's worship totes. Children may bring these filled out slips with them when they go to Wee Worship.*

Children's worship totes *are available for children in the sanctuary. These totes include children's bulletins and other items to help children engage in the worship service.*

✠Assurance of Pardon

✠Passing of the Peace

✠Response | Hymn 581 *Glory Be to the Father*
GLORIA PATRI

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Lynn McDaniel**

First Reading: Psalm 119:30-35

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**
Wee Worship Leaders: Emily Watson and Toots Weaver

Second Reading: Hebrews 11 (selected verses)

Sermon: "Faithfulness" **Rev. Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
FAITHFULNESS

✠Affirmation of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed)* **Lynn McDaniel**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ
his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Choral Response *Amen!*
Marty Haugen; arr. Nemec

Offering

Prayer is a place we bring ourselves fully before God. *In the Prayer of Intercession, we hold the needs of our hearts and of the world before a powerful and loving God. If you have a need for prayer, you may call the church office to speak with a pastor or to have your request passed on to our prayer team.*

Visiting? Welcome to GSPC, *where we hope you'll find our worship meaningful, our fellowship warm and our ministry exciting. Come again! If you are considering membership, we'd love to have you. You may join us through transfer of letter, re-affirmation of faith or profession of faith.*

Offertory *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*
Tom Fettke

The Sanctuary Choir

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space. O what is man that You are mindful of Him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man that You are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name! (Based upon Psalm 8)

✠**Response | Hymn 606** *Doxology*
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Sending

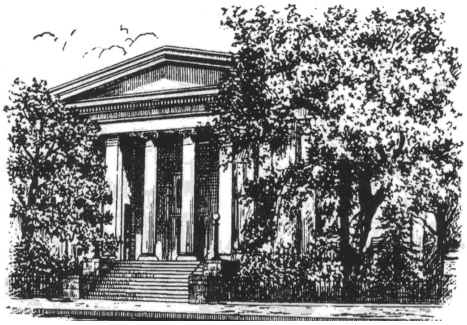
✠**Hymn 546** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*
SICILIAN MARINERS

✠**Benediction** **Rev. Lamar**

Postlude *Grand Processional on Praise to the Lord*
LOBE DEN HERREN; arr. Dale Wood

Sunday, November 16

Join us next week, November 16, when the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar continues her sermon series on the Fruit of the Spirit with a sermon titled "Gentleness," referencing Ephesians 4:1-5 and Matthew 11:28-30. Music includes a setting of the canon "By the Waters of Babylon" and Mack Wilberg's arrangement of "Beautiful Savior."



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given
to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of Charlotte Eichold
by her daughter, Beth Walmsley.

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Circles of Hope and Joy: The Circles of Hope and Joy will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Guesnard House. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and Bible study. If you are able, please bring a snack or beverage to share.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams.
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.
Lunch and Learn, noon: Come to lunch! Our guest speaker is Dr. Mary H. Van Brunt, President of Spring Hill College. The cost is $10 and includes drinks and dessert. Lunch is served at noon and the presentation begins at 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
Young Women's Bible Study, 6 p.m. in the Guesnard House: All 20s/30s women are invited to join this weekly Bible study series based on "Tending the Wild Garden: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit" by the Rev. Eugenia Gamble.
Music Rehearsals: Handbells, 5:15-5:45 p.m.; choir, 6-7:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library. Contact: Bo Perry.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Fruit of the Spirit Art Display, 5:30 p.m.: The congregation is invited to greet visitors and "share the seeds of the Spirit" with refreshments and music during the LoDa Artwalk. Guests will be encouraged to plant a small pot of seeds to take home. Church members will bring pots they have decorated and planted to depict different Fruits of the Spirit. These planters will be displayed in the courtyard.

COMING UP
Sunday, November 16: GSPC Perdido Queen Cruise, 4 p.m. Register online from the newsletter link, or call the church office.
November 18: Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 6:30 p.m. at Springhill Avenue Temple.
November 20: GSPC Book Club, 5:30 p.m. in the Library and via Zoom.

NEWS AND NOTES

McKemie Place: Each month on the second Friday, volunteers provide a light lunch for about 24 residents at McKemie Place, a shelter for homeless women. Volunteers are needed in January and February. Please call Lisa DeShazo at 251-591-1077 or Mary DeWitt Dukes at 504-920-1918 if you are able to help with this mission at GSPC.

Flower Dedications: To place flowers in the Sanctuary in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact Ann Adams at Adams-marion@att.net or 251-591-8586.

About Government Street Presbyterian Church

Government Street Presbyterian Church, known as the mother of Presbyterianism in Southern Alabama, was founded in 1831. This vibrant congregation has a long tradition of servant leadership and urban mission work in the heart of downtown Mobile. We welcome all to join us in responding to the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ.